

# DEVINE EQUINE RIDING & TRAINING CENTRE

November/December 2011 Newsletter



Hello Everyone

Well I must apologise for the lack of correspondence of late, but back on track now and it's hard to believe it's nearly Christmas!

We have had a few changes at the Centre recently – and we are now on track to provide quality instruction at an affordable price for all. In saying that, I would like to encourage riders who own their own horses/ponies to attend our Centre and the training days we provide.

## INTERNATIONAL JUDGE/INSTRUCTOR

We were lucky to have US horseman Wayne Hipsley visit in October. Wayne provided excellent instruction which included private lessons and evening get togethers, and also judged at our show along with Dianne Chesmar.

## INSTRUCTOR

We would like to welcome our new instructor to our Centre – David Marshall, well known Arab breeder and judge, who along with Mandy Chesmar will help to improve our standard of riding and horsemanship. We will from now on be providing lessons on Sundays, and also some Saturdays when available, as both Mandy, David and myself have showing/racing/endurance commitments, for most of the summer months.



We would like to encourage people with their own horses/ponies to come for lessons as well as those that wish to use our ponies.

Also our ALL WEATHER arena is available for hire at \$15 per hour.

We will be having one day a week for fun riding starting next year, for those who regularly attend for riding lessons. Come and ride one of our ponies for \$20 an hour.

## FARM VISITS & BIRTHDAY PARTIES

These are a fun activity which we do on a regular basis. You can see just how versatile miniature horses can be, and we also give pony rides for the birthday parties and treasure hunts.



Sophie's birthday party – with proud Mum “Jo” driving “CC”, and Dad “Matt” controlling “CC's head!



A happy group visit in November

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Lessons will resume from the 8th January, 2012 – please don't hesitate to call if you would like to book a lesson at any stage.

## DAY VISIT

It has been kindly suggested by Mandy that we could go for a day trip to her parents place south of Christchurch, take horses to ride on a track down to the river, and then have a BBQ. Date is yet to be organised, as I realise many people will be on holiday in January, but please let me know if you are interested and this can be arranged.

## NEW FOALS AT CLAREMONT STUD

We have some superb foals this season, 5 lovely fillies and 1 colt – an overo, pintos, appaloosa. All the “Razz” babies have face markings, from a large star to full blazes. Two of these foals are already sold and others available – enquiries welcome



### ANNUAL SHOW 3 & 4<sup>TH</sup> March, 2012.

Our second annual show will be the weekend of 3 & 4 March, 2012 and promises to be an event not to be missed with in hand and ridden ponies and miniature horses on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and inhand and ridden hacks on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. We are lucky to have well known and highly experienced judge Samantha Watson from Australia judging for us. Samantha was recently awarded New Zealand International Showing Awards Judge of the Season 2010/2011 and was a member of the panel of judge at the NZ Horse of the Year Show. I have attached Samantha's CV which is very impressive indeed.

Schedules will be up on our website [www.devineridingcentre.co.nz](http://www.devineridingcentre.co.nz) by the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2012.

Cheers for now

Debbie